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CALIFORNIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGE

Topeka, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Fredy Edgardo Lara-Dubon**, 27, Sunnyvale, Calif., has pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute 1,342.5 grams of methamphetamine. He pleaded guilty Jan. 19, 2005, before U.S. District Court Judge Sam A. Crow.

In his plea, he admitted he possessed 1,342.5 grams of methamphetamine when he was stopped for speeding by a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy on Oct. 19, 2004. The deputy observed that Lara-Dubon was acting suspiciously and called for a drug dog. With the dog's help, deputies found drugs hidden in a spare tire in the trunk of the car.

Sentencing is set for 2 p.m. April 19, 2005. He faces a maximum penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in federal prison and a fine up to \$4 million.

Melgren commended the work of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough, who is prosecuting.